

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

9 February 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM : Chairman, National Intelligence Council
SUBJECT : Meeting with the Secretary of State

We have two topics you might wish to raise with Secretary Haig tomorrow morning.

-- In my memorandum to you on the roster of NIOs I mentioned that we have two vacancies that we urgently need to fill, Western Europe and East Asia. We have asked State to nominate Foreign Service officers of ambassadorial rank for these positions. It would be helpful if you could emphasize to the Secretary our strong interest in filling these jobs with first-rate professionals. For instance, one possible candidate for the WE post is [redacted] now head of the US MBFR delegation in Vienna. [redacted]

-- There is an increasing interest evident in the new Administration in the production of quick Special National Intelligence Estimates on current policy issues. (See Bob Ames' memo, attached). If the Secretary does not raise the subject as the attachment suggests, you might yourself ask that we establish systematic procedures to channel the flow of such requests. [redacted]

Richard Lehman

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: Robert C. Ames, NIO/NESA

SUBJECT: Fast Track Estimates

1. Phil Stoddard of State, INR called me today to alert me to a subject that Secretary Haig plans to bring up with the DCI at their next breakfast meeting. In the absence of a full NSC staff much of the work normally addressed at SCC and PRC meetings will be handled by interagency working groups. In order to make these IG's function more efficiently, there will be a requirement for a number of fast track (SNIE-type) estimates on which action recommendations can be based. As you know, NESA is currently involved in four IG's: Iran, Security Framework for the Gulf, Iran-Iraq War and Middle East Peace. [redacted]

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2. The next fast track estimate likely to be requested is "Iran after the Hostages - Policy Options" with a deadline of 27 February. State will prepare the TOR's and provide the principal drafter. Since we will see more of these requests, you might want to have a meeting of office directors and the NIC to review problems and procedures.

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Robert C. Ames

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